

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposed legislation adds a new section into Idaho Code Title 20, Chapter 6 to allow a county sheriff to hire a temporary guard or private security service to assist in the protection of the county jail, to transport inmates from one location to another, or to safely keep prisoners at a location, such as a hospital, hospice care, or long-term facility when required. This legislation gives the county sheriff the option of hiring private security to watch the inmate so that the (county paid) jail deputy can utilize their time in a more appropriate manner for that given sheriff's office.

FISCAL NOTE

A private security service averages roughly \$12.00 - \$15.00 per hour in Idaho. This legislation would save taxpayer funds by providing the county sheriff the opportunity to hire the security to watch the inmate, rather than paying a jail deputy to be at the location at their full rate, and then having to pay a second deputy over-time to fill the role for the first deputy. This legislation would save Idaho counties money and provide more opportunities for private security businesses in Idaho.

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